

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

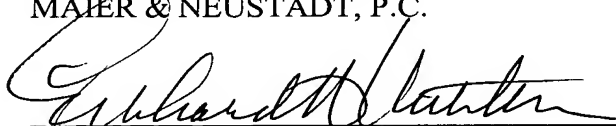
Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended is respectfully requested. Claims 1-17, 20-35 and 38-40 are currently active, Claims 18, 19, 36, 37 and 41-87 having been canceled by the present paper.

In response to the election requirement dated September 8, 2005, Applicant elects Group 1, Claims 1-46, drawn to a nonvolatile semiconductor memory having a specific erase circuit, classified in class 365, subclass 185.33 for further examination on the merits. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected invention.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 1-17, 20-35 and 38-40 is believed to be in order and an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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